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1. GOALS OF PROGRAM AS FOLLOWS:

A. SIGNIFICANT DISRUPTION OF TRAFFIC IN OPIATE AND CANNABIS PRODUCTS.

B. OBTAIN A FAVORABLE CHARTER FOR DEA TO OPERATE AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS OF GOA.

C. REMAIN ALEART FOR ANY OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST THE GOA IN ENFORCEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES THAT WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT ON INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC.

2. POLICY AND PROGRAM ISSUES: GOA COMMITMENTS AND UNFDAC PROGRESS AND ROLE AS FOLLOWS:

A. HIGH LEVEL GOA OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO MAKE PRIVATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRONOUNCEMENTS ON THEIR COMMITMENT TO NARCOTIC AND DANGER-

OUS DRUG CONTROL. GOA OFFICIALS MOST FREQUENTLY INVOLVED INCLUDE DEPMIN PLANNING FAROGH; CHIEF PUBLIC SECURITY POLICE MAJOR FAROCK YACOOBI; ACTING DIR INTERNATIONAL AND UN AFFAIRS DIV. MFA YAHYA MAAROOFI. TO WHAT EXTENT THEIR APPARENT COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE HAS FILTERED DOWN TO OTHER ELEMENTS OF GOA IS UNKNOWN.

B. GOA HAS ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UN FOR SUPPORT AND ADVICE IN THE ENFORCEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT AREAS.

C. MICHAEL DAVIES, UN DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS, HAS MADE TWO RECENT VISITS TO AFGHANISTAN IN JUNE AND JULY 1974, DURING DAVIES VISIT UN LAW ENFORCEMENT PROJECT WITH GOA SET UP UNDER SUPERVISION OF UNFADAC NARCOTICS ADVISOR TZZWSRIG#MAGNUSSON (FRG).

D. NEW ANTI-SMUGGLING UNIT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED; PRESENTLY STAFFED WITH ABOUT TWENTY OFFICERS AND MEN. UN ADVISOR MAGNUSSON WORKING DIRECTLY AND ON DAY-TO-DAY BASIS WITH THIS AND WITH AFGHAN POLICE COUNTERPARTS.

E. IN DEVELOPMENT AREA, DEPMINPLANNING FAROGH INDICATED TO DAVIES THAT THE GOA PLANS TO PROCEED IN ITS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM WITH UNDP ASSISTANCE FOR BADA KHSHAN (NE AFGHANISTAN) AND OTHER MAJOR OPIUM PRODUCING AREAS SUCH AS NANGARHAR, BAKTIA IN THREE STAGES: (1) SOCIO-ECONOMIC RESOURCES STUDY TO BE FINANCED BY UNDP/IPF FOR EACH AREA (PRE-LIMINARY STUDY CURRENTLY UNDERWAY IN BADA KHSHAN); (2) IDENTIFY BY THESE SURVEYS SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL INPUT AND BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS SO THAT OPIUM GROWERS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH LIVELIHOOD TO REPLACE THAT FROM ILLICIT CROPS; AND (3) ON COMPLETION OF THESE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS GOA WOULD UNDERTAKE TO ERADICATE OPIUM PRODUCTION IN AFFECTED AREAS. COMMENT: APPARENTLY THIS HAS BEEN DONE IN HELMAND VALLEY. AS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS MADE NON-OPIUM GROWING PROFITABLE, OPIUM POPPIES NOT SEEN IN HELMAND AREA.

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F. UN IS STILL WORKING ON A DRAFT NAROCOTICS LAW AND DELIVERY OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR NEW ANTI-SMUGGLING UNIT. COMMENT: PROGRESS DISAPPOINTINGLY SLOW.

G. UN ADVISOR MAGNUSSON IS CONTINUING EFFORTS TO PERSUDE GOA TO AFFILIATE ITSELF WITH INTERPOL. COSTS OF SUCH AN AFFILIATION FOR THE FIRST YEAR WILL BE FUNDED AS PART OF THE FRG'S BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR

AFGHAN POLICE.

H. UNFIDAC'S FUTURE ROLE IS STILL UNCLEAR. THE PRESENT ADVISORY AND SUPPORT PROGRAM IS BASED UPON A ONE-YEAR AGREEMENT. WHILE INITIAL RECEPTIVENESS TO THE UN ADVISOR AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT HAS BEEN FAVORABLE, AND SIGNIFICANT SEIZURES MADE, WIDESPREAD ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS HAVE YET TO BE TAKEN. THE LEVEL OF ENFORCEMENT EXPERTISE IS SO LOW THAT THE FIRST YEAR MAY NOT SEE IMPORTANT DISRUPTIONS IN TRAFFIC; RATHER, AN INCREASED ABILITY AND POTENTIAL TO DO SO DURING 1975.

THE UN PROGRAM IS SERIOUSLY LACKING IN THE VITAL AREAS OF INFORMANT DEVELOPMENT AND REWARD PAYMENT BUDGETS. USG INITIATIVES ARE PLANNED WHICH WILL TRY TO REMEDY THIS SITUATION BY MEANINGFUL APPLICATION OF DEA ASSETS THROUGH THE UN ADVISOR OR GOA IN A MANNER THAT WOULD ALLOW FOR LITTLE IF ANY POSSIBLE WASTE.

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